

St. Michael's — St. Benedict — Canadian Martyrs

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

February 9th (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time) – February 16th (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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Sunday Mass times February:

Saturday 5^{PM} Canadian Martyrs

Sunday 9^{AM} St. Michael's

Sunday 11^{AM} St. Benedict

Weekday Mass times (year round):

Tuesday 6:30^{PM} Haven

Wednesday 10:30^{AM} Nursing Home

Wednesday 1:30^{PM} Bethany

Friday 9^{AM} St. Michael's

Low-gluten communion hosts are available. Please see Fr. before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat: 11^{AM} - 12^{PM} (noon) – St. Michael's

Sat: 4:30^{PM} - 4:55^{PM} – St. Benedict (only when Mass falls on Saturday)

By appointment: Contact Fr. Benjamin directly on his mobile

Eucharistic Adoration:

St. Michael's: Every Friday from Mass: 8^{AM} to 9^{AM} (Except for 1st Friday of the month, when it is after Mass: 9:30^{AM} to 12^{PM})

St. Michael's Haven: Every first Tuesday of the month, 5:30^{PM} to 6:30^{PM}

Marriage Prep: Please contact Fr. Benjamin at least one year prior to the desired date of marriage.

Mass Intentions: Please contact Fr. Benjamin directly. Suggested donation: \$10.00

Fr. Benjamin is available on his mobile at any time outside Mass times for EMERGENCIES and to administer the sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick.**

To request Communion to the Sick, Baptism, or Funeral, please call Fr. Benjamin at the office, or directly on his mobile.

St. Michael's Sunday Masses can be followed at 91.3FM

ALL MASS INTENTIONS February 8th – 16th

Feb. 8th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Henry Kohle+/ Bob Reaser

Feb. 9th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Alma & Almer Weisensel+/ Mary Weisensel

Feb. 9th – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Benedict: Marion

Kuemper+/ Val Kuemper

Feb. 11th – Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: Audrey Reaser +/ CWL

Feb. 12th - Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home: Claudette Bridgman+/ Armella Frie

Feb. 12th - Wed. 1:30^{PM}

Middle Lake Bethany: Joe MacLeod+/ Edward & Leonard Wolffe

Feb 14th – Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Velma Schreiner+/ Danny Kirzinger

Feb. 15th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Audrey

Reaser+/ Brian Reaser

Feb. 16th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Louis

Medernach+/ Leona Medernach

Feb. 16th – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Benedict: Hida Leiffers+/ Bonnie & Walter Hauber

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

(from Pope Francis):

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee re-awaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street,
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0
Mass Time – February: Sunday 9^{AM}

*Together we listen, receive, believe,
and serve from the heart of Jesus*

Parish Council: Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo 2nd. **Term:** Grace Jungwirth (Chair), Glen Lingel (Vice Chair), Teresa Richardson (Secretary), Vince Dierker (K of C Representative), Stuart Kolla (Maintenance), Kyle Slobodian 1st. **Term:** Don Kolla, Catherine Mazurkewich, Audrey van der Gracht, Ida Rose Wilde
Finance Committee: Catherine Mazurkewich (Chair), Derreck Kolla, Michael Wilde, Lee Hauber
Cemetery Committee: Don Kolla (Chair), Ida-Rose Wilde, James Hauber, Raymond Jungwirth– For all cemetery related information: Teresa Richardson **Parish Covenant of Care Coordinator:** Grace Jungwirth

Knights of Columbus –

Next meeting: Thursday February 13th @ 7:30 PM
Rosary: 7 PM




CWL –

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 18th @ 7:15 PM



Parish Council -

Next meeting: Wednesday February 12th @ 7:00 PM

Coffee Sunday – Feb. 23rd after 9^{AM} Mass 

Rosary Prayer Group(MMP)

www.mmpcanada.ca

Thurs, February 13th @ 3^{PM} – St. Michael's
Thurs, February 20th @ 3^{PM} – St. Benedict

2024 Donation Receipts are available for pick-up in the East Entrance.

BAA & Priest Pension Fund receipts will be mailed directly to your address.

February "Living with Christ" monthly missals are available for pick-up at the east entrance

Prayer Shawl Ministry. 

The Crochet and Knitting Group has resumed! Tuesday's at the Haven, from 1 - 2^{PM}. We still hold many beautiful blessed shawls that are waiting for anyone in need of some welcomed comfort. Please don't shy back on inquiring

Prayer Shawls:

Sylvia Meszaros - (306) 256-7198

Yarn/wool donations:

Gen Trischuk – (306) 256-3904

Any yarn and or monetary donations are always greatly appreciated.

VAN SERVICE – Winter Months

Our van is available to serve our parishioners who need a ride to the church for Sunday Mass. Please contact Vince at 306-233-8633 to reserve.

Pick-up starts 1h before Mass.

Sunday Mass Ministries

9^{AM} – Sunday, February 9th

Welcomers: John & Audrey

Rosary: Glen

Ushers: Garry, Edward, Leonard

Screens: Grace J.

Servers: Cael, Gage, Brooke

Readers: 1st – John v., 2nd – Heide,

Prayers of the Faithful – Catherine

Offerings: John & Audrey

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

9^{AM} – Sunday, February 16th

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

Rosary: Vince

Ushers: James, Clarence

Screens: Ann

Servers: Eric, Leo, Alynn

Readers: 1st – James, 2nd – Barbara,

Prayers of the Faithful – Kim

Offerings: James & Kim

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

9^{AM} – Sunday, February 23rd

Welcomers: Garry & Catherine

Rosary: Phil

Ushers: Danny, Darrel

Screens: Grace L.

Servers: Camryn & Brady

Readers: 1st – Morris, 2nd – Doreen,

Prayers of the Faithful – John K.

Offerings: Bernadette, Vince & Tammy

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

11^{AM} – Sunday, March 2nd

Rosary: Glen

Ushers: Garry, Edward, Leonard

Screens: Jill

Servers: Brianna, Jax, Kennedy

Readers: 1st – Catherine, 2nd – Lee,

Prayers of the Faithful – Teresa

Offerings: Edward & Leonard

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

Compassionate Healers' Mass - Sunday, Feb. 9

Today we acknowledge and bless all who journey with the vulnerable, sick and dying, who are the hands and heart of Jesus, offering hope in our common pilgrimage of healing and conversion.

Diocesan Prayer: Loving God, we pray for all who serve in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and ask Your blessing for the healers among us. May their strength and devotion be renewed for the unique work of compassion to which they are called. Renew in them wisdom and skill; sympathy and patience; strength and courage; and keep them strong in Your service. May Your light shine through all of our days and deeds, so that Your healing will may prevail, to the glory and praise of Your name. Amen.



"Do not be afraid.
From now on
you will
catch men."

Hope in Health Care offers support for health care professionals, exploring the challenges and opportunities in living their vocations in a healthcare environment that includes practices such as medically-provided euthanasia (MAiD). The next gathering will be held 7PM Tuesday, March 4 at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon, with guest speaker Fr. David Tumback. Refreshments will be served. For more information, e-mail hope@chassk.ca

December Finances 2024

Sunday Collections	\$10,712.24
Preauthorized Giving	\$ 1,324.50
Christmas Mass	\$ 4,625.00
Parish Recovery	\$ 1,656.46
Christmas Raffle	\$ 2,055.00
Sale of table/chairs	\$ 100.00
Other income (mailed in donations, booklet recovery, Conexus interest)	\$ <u>1,655.32</u>
Total Income	\$22,128.52
Total Expenses	\$ <u>22,789.81</u>
(Included in expenses: Insurance \$11,688.00)	
Loss for December	\$ 661.29

Awaken adult faith program:

"Gospel Encounters with Jesus"

- Registration is underway for this series to be held at 7PM on four Tuesday evenings:

Cost is \$40 for all four sessions in the series.

- **Feb. 18** with Fr. David Tumback, held at St. Patrick Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon;
- **Feb. 25** with Fr. Gerard Cooper, held at the Catholic Centre, 123 Nelson Rd., Saskatoon (2nd floor, Holy Family Cathedral);
- **March 4** with Bishop Mark Hagemoen, Catholic Centre;
- **March 11** with Sr. Marta Piano, VDMF, Catholic Centre

Register for this Adult Faith "Awaken" four-part series at:

<https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/awakenwinter2025> or contact Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at (306) 659-5858 or amalas@rcdos.ca. (*Adult Faith formation is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)



PROLIFE ACTIVIST

Amanda Achtman speaks out.

She is focused on preventing euthanasia and encouraging HOPE around the world.

Did you know that it has become the 5th leading cause of death in Canada, 5% of all deaths in Canada?

Please view this very informative short video from the Ezra Levant show to hear the shocking truth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNK16ACDENO>

What can we do?

<https://dyingtomeetyou.ca/>



Formed.org: A great online resource for inspiring movies and studies, audios, talks and e-books. Go to: <https://formed.org/signup>. With Formed you will find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, Bible studies and other variety of topics.



ST. BENEDICT

10 1st Street South (Church Avenue)
St. Benedict, SK S0K 3T0

Mass Times:

February: Sunday 11^{AM}

March: Saturday 5^{PM}

Lenten Retreat with Dr. Ralph Martin

March 7th – 9th

Spend the first weekend of Lent 2025 on retreat with Dr. Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries at St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission in Bruno, SK.

Family friendly retreat (retreat sessions geared towards adults/teens). Free session registration for children under 15 with paid adult registration. Free Childcare is provided for children 5 and under.

On-site meals and accommodations available.

Programming runs 7:00^{PM} Friday March 7th (check-in after 2^{PM}) – 12^{PM} Sunday, March 9th.

More information and early registration at www.SfTherese.ca/events or 306-369-2555

Saturday/Sunday Mass Ministries

11^{AM} – Sunday February 9th

Ushers: Reg

Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

11^{AM} – Sunday February 16th

Ushers: Laverne

Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen

Servers: Draude's

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: Tim

11^{AM} – Sunday February 23rd

Ushers: Reg

Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

Mass Times:

February: Saturday 5^{PM}

March: Sunday 9^{AM}

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sat. Feb 8th @ 5^{PM} Marj & Janice

Sat. Feb 15th @ 5^{PM} Tim & Janine

Sat. Feb 22nd @ 5^{PM} Andrea & Gloria

Sun. March 2nd @ 9^{AM} Marj & Janice

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun. February 9th Lisa & Michael

Sun. February 16th Dorian & Bakers

Sun. February 23rd Kenny

Sun. March 2nd Tim & Allen

CHURCH CLEANERS:

February: Angela Reiter,
Rosanne Griffin

March: Michelle Mertz,
Karen Mertz

Save the Date

Bishop's Dinner – May 1, 2025

Join Bishop Mark Hagemoen on May 1st at Holy Family Cathedral

“How Do We Live a Jubilee Year”

Music that lifts us by Dean McNeill Jazz Combo

Doors open at 5:15^{PM} Local Charcuterie and Wine Dinner at 6^{PM} Farm-to-table meal

Chefs from Canadian Culinary Championships and the Great Canadian Bake-off

Program 45 minutes, Dessert, Socializing, and Music 7:30 – 9^{PM}

Early ticket pricing until Feb. 28th

Call 306-659-5837

Or scan the QR code



Horizons of Hope ~ Palliative Care and End-of-Life:

St. Augustine Parish, 602 Boychuk Drive, Saskatoon will host a Horizons of Hope workshop about palliative care and end-of-life issues 9:30^{AM} to 4^{PM} Saturday, March 22nd. To register e-mail Jackie St. Pierre at jstpierre@rcdos.ca or call (306) 373-3453 (lunch and refreshments will be provided). Everyone is welcome.

(Hospital Chaplaincy is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

World Day of Sick February 11th

- Pope Francis message

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20250114-giornata-malato.html>

5th Sunday: Strength in weakness

What is a moment? It isn't something we measure, or a measure of something.

A moment is a gift. "Can you give me a moment of your time?" translates to: "Can you give me yourself for a while?"

A moment is eternity. Have you ever heard, or said, "I lived an eternity in that moment"?

A moment is now. It means being completely present to the person or opportunity before us.

Someone has said, "People with the fewest regrets are those who take each moment as it comes, for all that it is worth." And it is a good thing that they do, because the moment will never return. It is the best preparation for the next moment.

~ William R. White

Isaiah, Paul and Peter are at the center of today's readings. All three men did great things for God. But initially when God gave each of them a moment, they wanted to abscond because they had a low opinion of themselves. They had low self-esteem, to use the modern jargon. From the readings, we could see that they did not put themselves forward, but were called by God. They accepted that call reluctantly, convinced that they were unworthy of it.

- Isaiah said, 'I am a man of unclean lips.' (Isaiah 6:5)
- Paul said, 'Of all the apostles I am the least. I don't even deserve the name apostle.' (1 Corinthians 15:8)
- And Peter declared, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man' (Luke 5:8) His was not false humility, it was the plain truth.

Each of them started by acknowledging his unworthiness and inadequacy. Isaiah asked God to choose someone else, someone with a clean mouth. Peter asked Christ to leave him alone because he was a sinner.

According to Peter, Jesus the holy one should distance himself from sinners. But Jesus refused to do so. It was for sinners that he came. Thereby he changed people's understanding of God. God was not a God who shunned sinners, but a God who wants them to be saved, and who gives them a new start. Jesus said in the gospel of Mark, 'It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick. I came to call not the upright, but sinners.' (Mark 2:17)"

Isaiah, Paul and Peter eventually accepted God's invitation, and all three did a splendid job. This is the paradox - strength arising out of weakness. When we answer God's call, he empowers us so that we can do things we never thought possible. Zag Ziglar said, "Try to look at your weakness and convert it into your strength. That's success"

When we acknowledge our weakness, God can strengthen us. When we acknowledge our emptiness, God can fill us. When we acknowledge our spiritual poverty, God can enrich us. Then we become available to do his work, and he accomplishes in us the things we find impossible.

Humility is the starting point. As Harold Warner would say, "Humility is the gateway into the grace and the favour of God." We should ask the Lord to give us the humility to acknowledge our weaknesses, and the strength to rise above them. Then we will have the joy of discovering that it is when we are weak that we are strong.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Lord.

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo